

Minutes September 18, 2013

The meeting at Cassel's Restaurant was called to order at 5:20 by President Lynne Elsesser.

Minutes of the past meeting were amended to correct dates and were approved after a motion by Barb Broadley and a second by Fran Saenz. A **report** of the budget by Cindy Dietz was approved after a motion by Judi Fisher and a second by Mary Jo Dreffs.

Jackie Smart distributed updated chapter address books and yearbook information.

Amy Wainwright read a message of thanks from Chris Smith for our donation of books to Seedlings in memory of her brother.

Recent retirees Helen Mate, Sherry Green, and Pam Husson were recognized and given a gift from the chapter.

Donna Colaianne collected \$78 for a 50-50 raffle which was won by Lynne Elsesser.

Judy Morante reported that the Beverly House girls would welcome tutors. Interested members should contact Judy to get information about the approval needed to work as a tutor. She also asked if we were going ahead with previously dis-cussed plans to purchase recreation center passes for the girls.

Carol Palk presented names of two candidates for membership: Megan Sokolowski and Sarah Dabiero. Both were accepted by a vote of the members. Initiation will be at the October meeting.

Cindy Dietz said that she will be ordering membership pins for the new initiates and offered to order pins for current members who may wish to replace theirs. Cost is \$15.00. Contact Cindy ASAP as she will be placing the order soon.

Lynne Elsesser asked if any members were interested in becoming officers for the next biennium. All current officers have agreed to continue in office if no members wish to run. Candidates are still being recruited and welcomed.

Volunteers to chair the various chapter committees are sought. Contact Lynne.

Members voted for the topic Outliving Your Assets from among the five topics offered by Attorney Gary Allen, specializing in elder law who will ad-dress the chapter at our March meeting.

Donna Colaianne announced that her niece who was a recipient of our scholarship last year is spending her first year of teaching in China. She has offered to speak to us about the experience when she returns.

Our October 16 meeting will feature Shaila Jehle, master gardener, known throughout Alpha Iota State. She is well-known and recognized for her expertise. We are invited to bring any questions about gardening.

The chapter collected \$163 from our vacation auction. The funds will be used for World Fellowship and Members Supporting Members.

Upcoming events for Alpha Iota State include Women in the Arts October 18-19 at Higgins Lake and the Fall Workshop October 25-26 in Clare. All members are invited and encouraged to attend. Registration forms may be found in The Wolverine and Alpha Iota State website. The State Convention in May will once again be at Mackinac Island. Members are told to plan on approximately \$500 for the weekend.

Mary Jo Dreffs distributed fliers for our Holi-day Auction on December 4. We are reminded to bring guests and to donate items. Proceeds from this event go to our Services Projects and to the Grants-In-Aid.

Members were informed to a special memorial to be held on September 28 for Paula Dent, long-time DKG member and officer at the state, regional and international level.

Adjournment was at 6:47. Motion to adjourn by Cindy Dietz, seconded by Marie Canzoneri. **Motion passed.**

Submitted by Carol A. Anderson Recording Secretary Gamma Alpha Chapter